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Applicant:	SKLANSKY et al.	Examiner:	Layno, B.
Serial No.:	10/686,020	Group Art Unit:	3712
Filed:	October 15, 2003	Docket No.:	SKLY.004PA
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLAYING COMMUNITY HAND POKER GAMES UTILIZING DEALER QUALIFYING CRITERIA		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 24, 2005.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 24, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, Applicant submits the present response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. A Petition to Extend the period for responding to the Office Action by 2 months, from November 24, 2004 to January 24, 2005 is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (SKLY.004PA).